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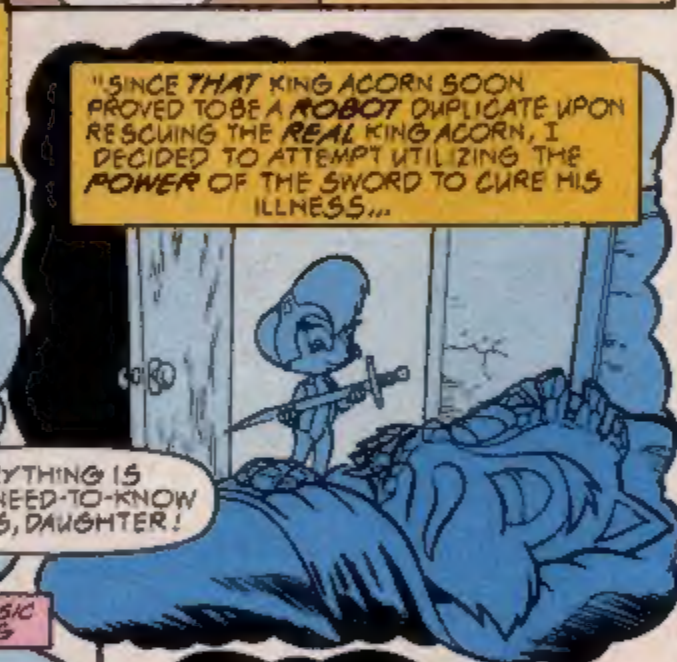
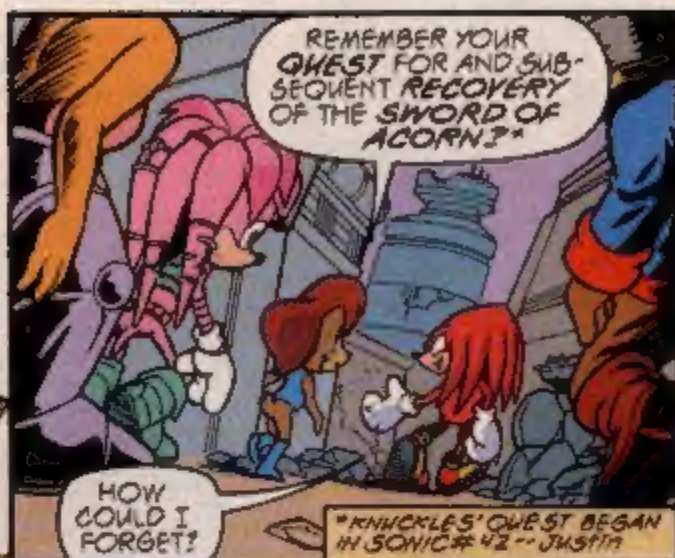
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DINNER?!?

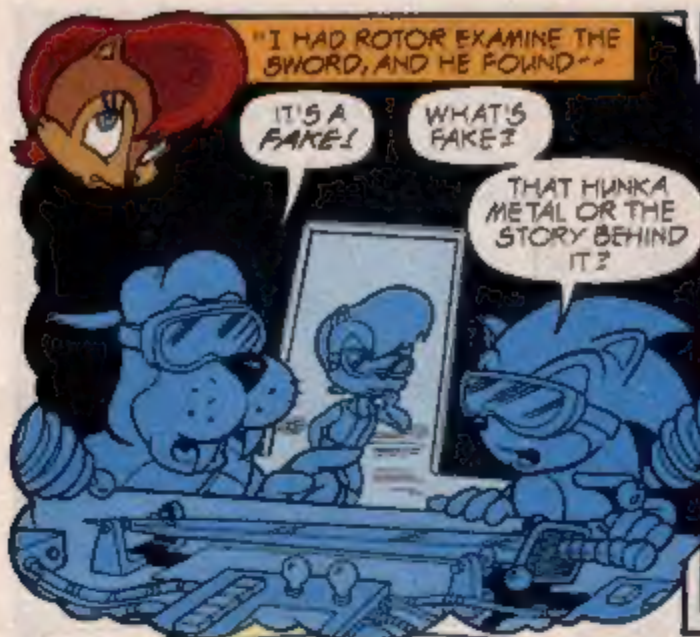
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"I HAD ROTOR EXAMINE THE SWORD, AND HE FOUND--"

IT'S A FAKE!

WHAT'S FAKE?

THAT HUNKA METAL OR THE STORY BEHIND IT?



I WAS PLANNING TO GO OFF ON MY OWN QUEST--

--BUT MY DUTIES SUPERVISING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF ROBOTROPOLIS REQUIRED I STAY HERE!

NOW I'M HOPING YOU'RE UP FOR TRYING ONCE AGAIN TO FIND THE TRUE SWORD OF ACORN!



I'M SORRY, PRINCESS, BUT I'VE BEEN BUSY MYSELF SINCE I RECENTLY DISCOVERED MY BIRTH-PLACE STILL EXISTED, BUT IN ANOTHER ZONE--"

WILD!

IT CAN ONLY BE--

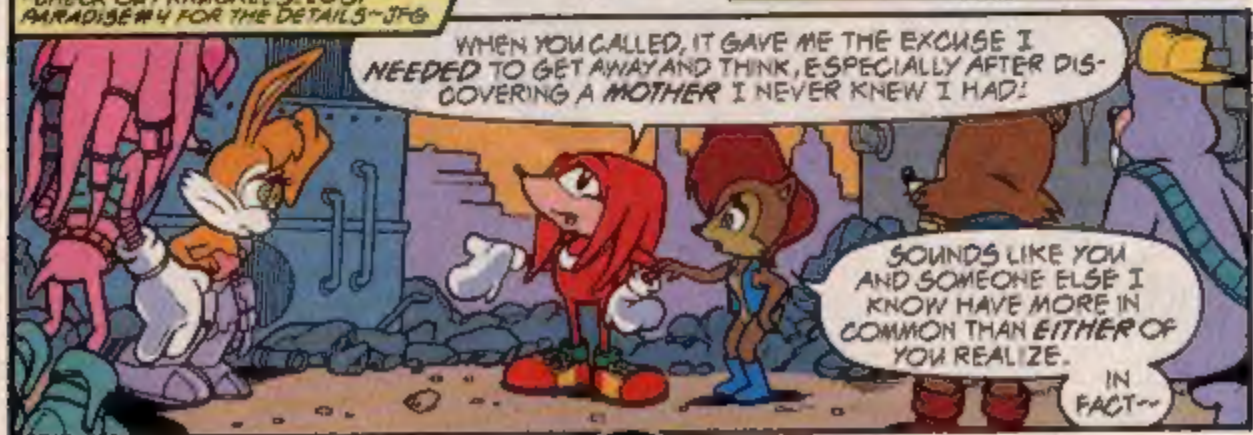
--ECHIDNAOPOLIS!

"CHECK OUT KNUCKLES' LOST PARADISE #4 FOR THE DETAILS"--JFG



"WHEN ROBOTNIK'S ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR WENT OFF, IT MUST HAVE AFFECTED THE BARRIERS BETWEEN ZONES ENABLING GRANDFATHER HAWKINS TO RE-STORE THE CITY TO ITS ORIGINAL SITE!"

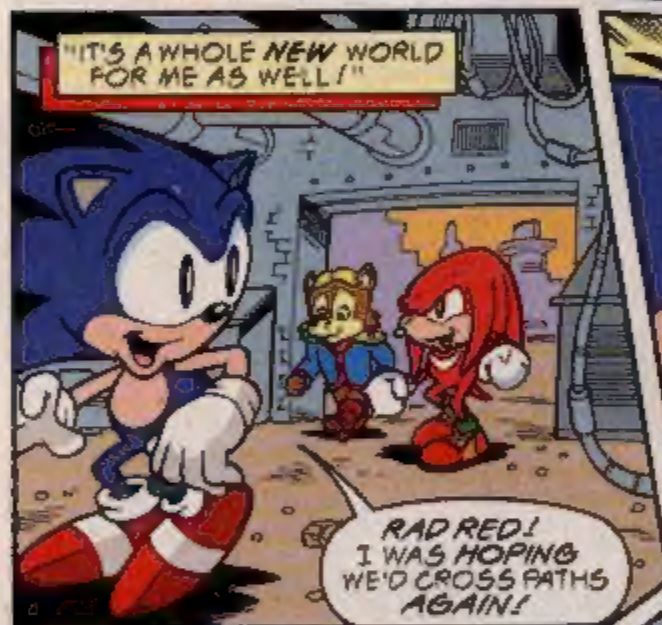
"RUN, DO NOT WALK, TO CHECK OUT KNUCKLES #6, WHILE YOU STILL CAN!"--JFG

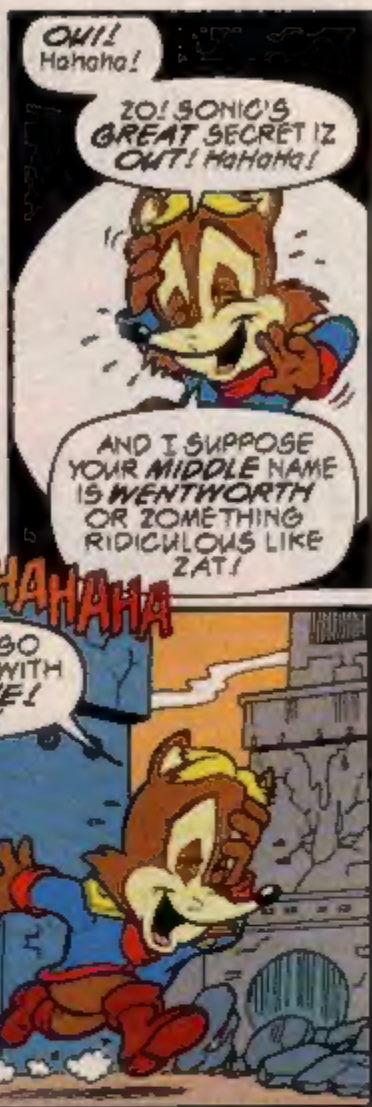


WHEN YOU CALLED, IT GAVE ME THE EXCUSE I NEEDED TO GET AWAY AND THINK, ESPECIALLY AFTER DISCOVERING A MOTHER I NEVER KNEW I HAD!

SOUNDS LIKE YOU AND SOMEONE ELSE I KNOW HAVE MORE IN COMMON THAN EITHER OF YOU REALIZE.

IN FACT--





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of Lip Smackin' great taste!

Lip Smacker

FLAVOR GLOSSARY!

How many do you have?
Check 'em if you got 'em. Collect 'em if you don't!

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Banana	Peach
Blueberry	Peppermint
Bubble Gum	Pina Colada
Cherry	Pineapple
Chocolate	Pink Lemonade
Cinnamon Sugar	Raspberry Chocolate
Coconut Cake	Red Raspberry
Cotton Candy	Root Beer Float
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while
you can!

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THE DAWN OF
A NEW DAY!

AND IN THE WAKE OF THE
NEFARIOUS IVO ROBOTNIK'S
DEFEAT BY THE KNOTHOLE
VILLAGE FREEDOM FIGHTERS,

~ LIFE HAS UNDERGONE
SOME DRAMATIC CHANGES
FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED
GROUP!

AND FOR TWO OF THEM
IN PARTICULAR, IT SEEMS
THAT THE CHANGES HAVE
ONLY BEGUN...

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THE
HEDGEHOG

SOUNDS
OF SILENCE

Part 1

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WOW, SONIC! WOULD
YOU LOOK AT THAT BUILDING
OVER THERE? IT'S DOCTOR
ROBOTNIK'S LABORATORY!

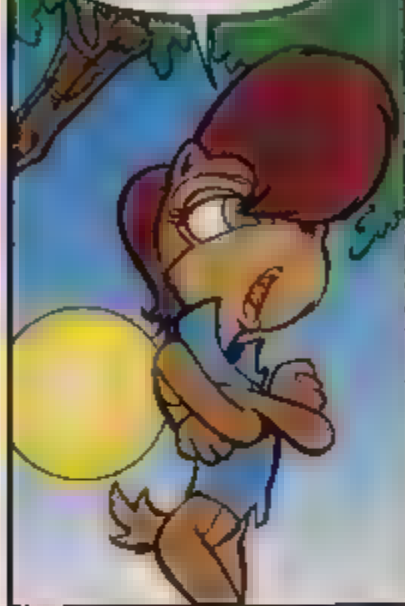
WHO KNOWS HOW
MANY DIABOLICAL
SCHEMES WERE
COOKED UP IN THAT
MOST COMPLEX OF
COMPLEXES...

...AND HOW MANY
MORE FIENDISH
DEVICES LIE WITHIN
ITS WALLS?

AND JUST
THINK, SALLY! IT'S
ALL YOURS FOR
THE AMAZINGLY
LOW PRICE OF
NOTHING! YOU
MAY NOT BE KING,
BUT IT'S SURE
GOTTA BE A
BLAST BEING
PRINCESS!

THIS IS NO JOKE, SONIC! I'M SERIOUS OVER HERE!

I MEAN, HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF SUDDENLY YOU WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR A DEVICE WITH THE DESTRUCTIVE POWER OF THE ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR?



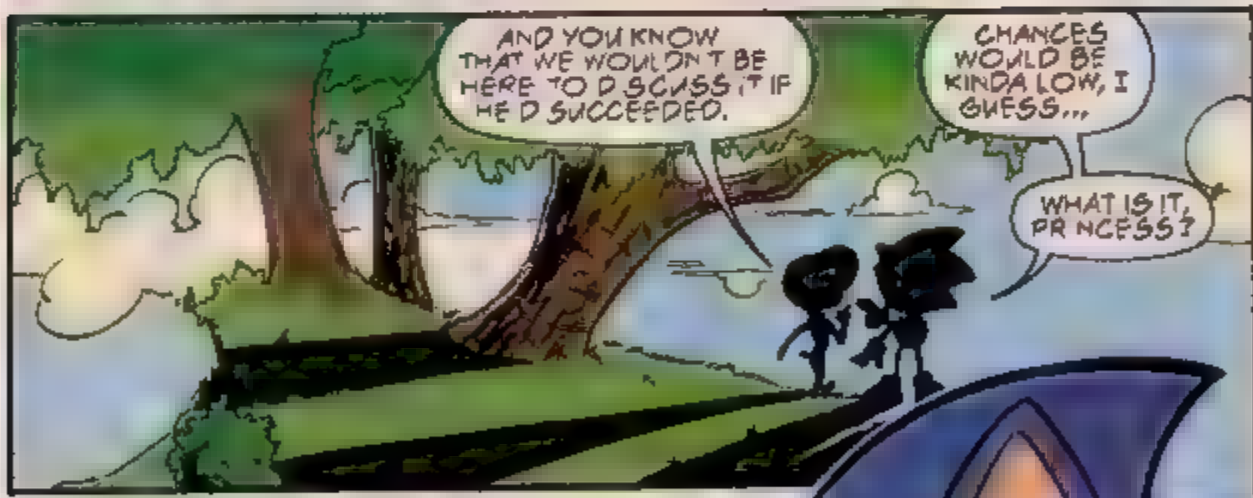
WHOOH~ ROBOTNIK NEARLY WIPED OUT ALL OF CREATION WITH THAT IMPORTED WEAPON OF HIS!



AND YOU KNOW THAT WE WOULDN'T BE HERE TO DISCUSS IT IF HE'D SUCCEEDED.

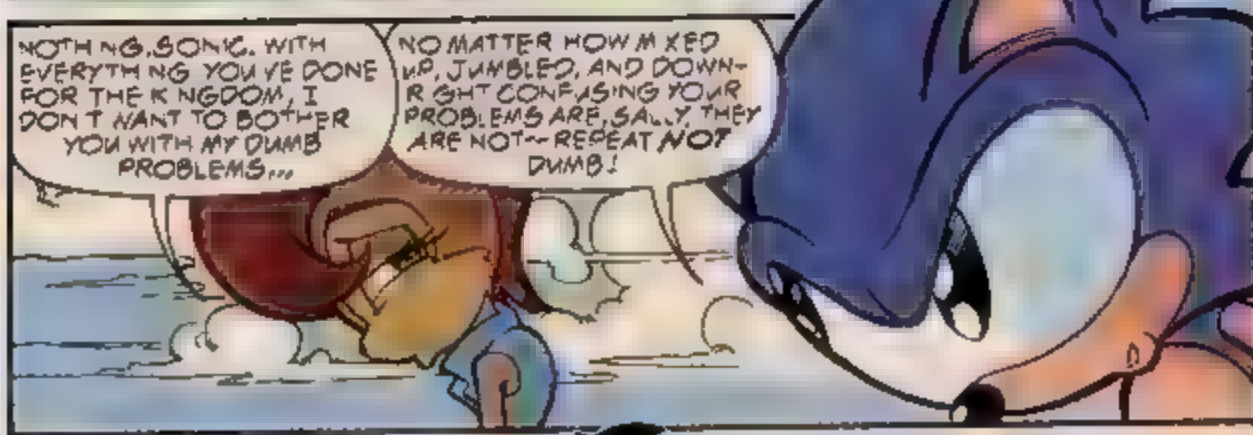
CHANCES WOULD BE KINDA LOW, I GUESS...

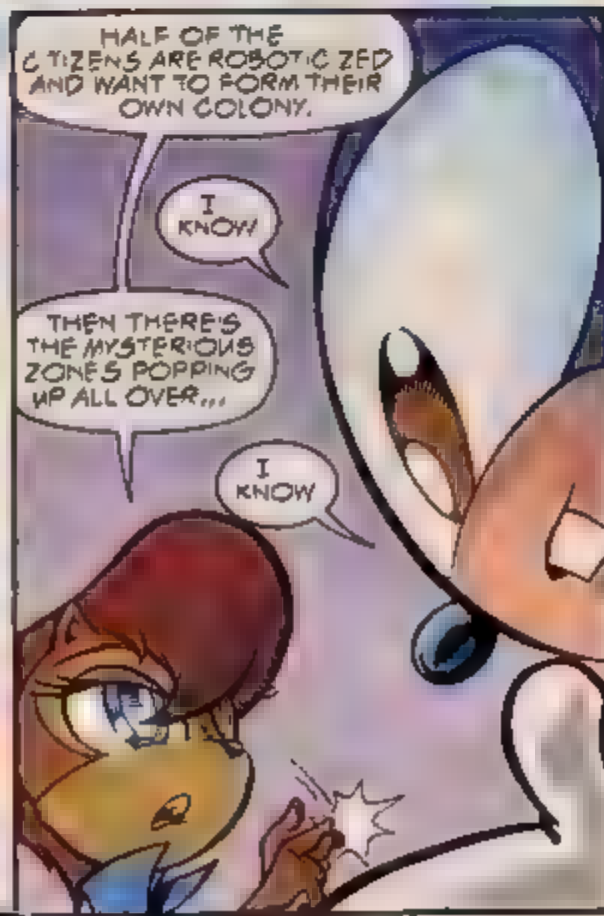
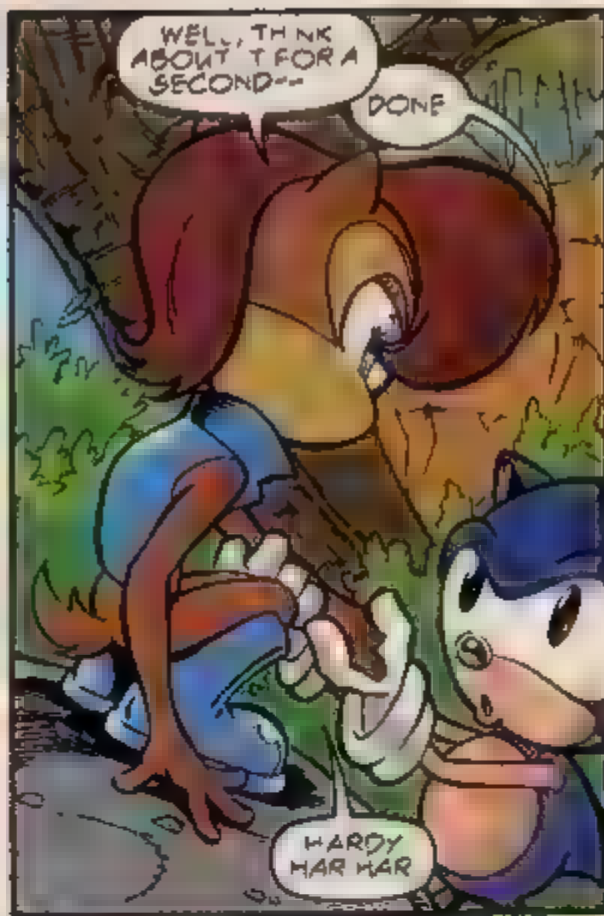
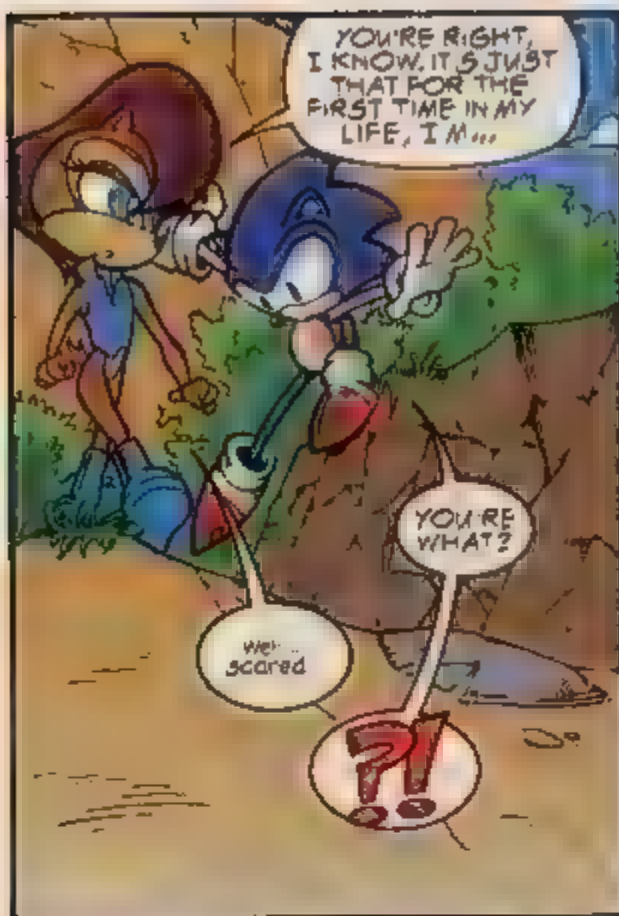
WHAT IS IT, PRINCESS?



NOTHING, SONIC. WITH EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE FOR THE KINGDOM, I DON'T WANT TO BOTHER YOU WITH MY DUMB PROBLEMS...

NO MATTER HOW MIXED UP, JUMBLED, AND DOWN-RIGHT CONFUSING YOUR PROBLEMS ARE, SALLY, THEY ARE NOT~ REPEAT NOT DUMB!



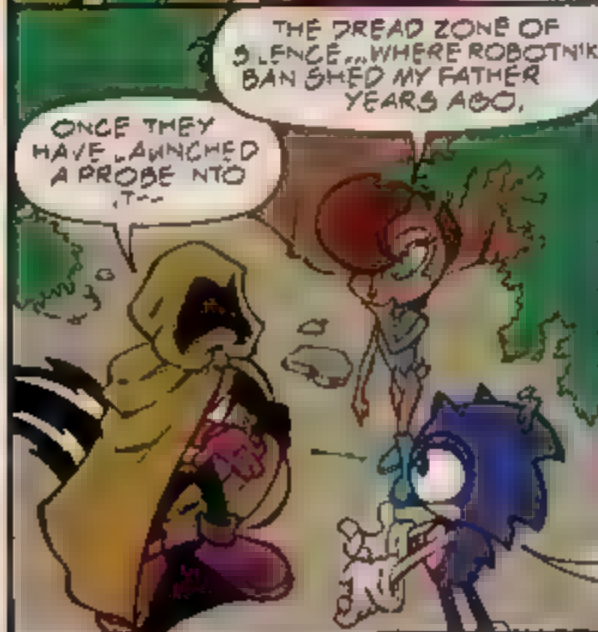


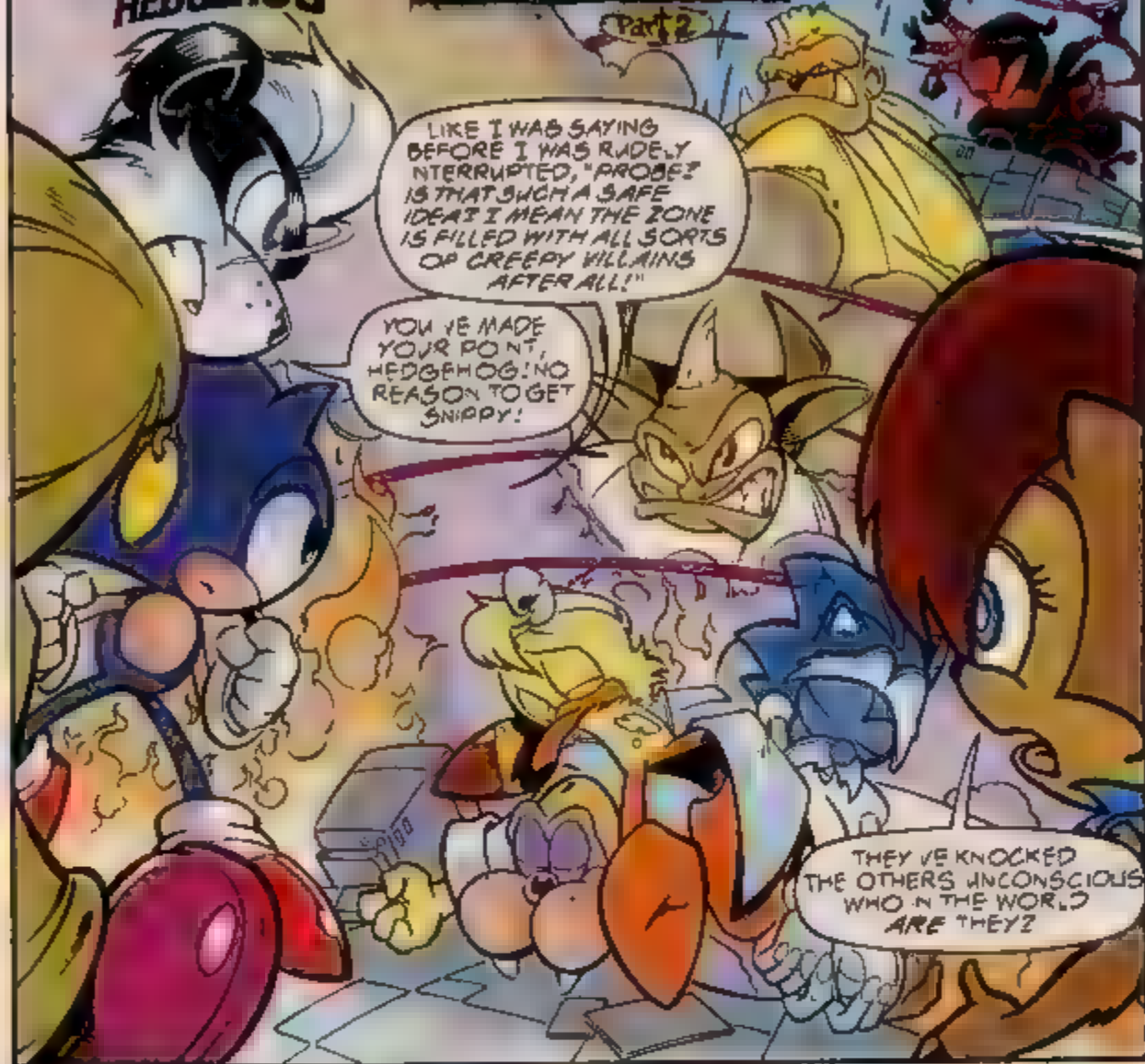


WE MAY BE
CLOSER THAN WE
WERE A FEW DAYS
AGO.



EVEN NOW, ROTOR,
SIR CHARLES, AND DOCTOR
QUACK ARE INVESTIGATING
THE PORTAL TO THE SO-
CALLED ZONE OF SILENCE
WITHIN JULIAN'S LAB.

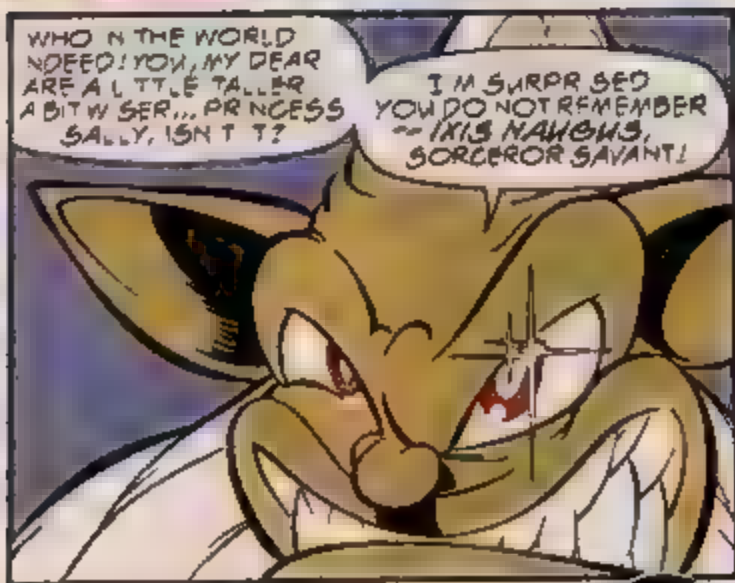




LIKE I WAS SAYING BEFORE I WAS RUDELY INTERRUPTED, "PROBE? IS THAT SUCH A SAFE IDEA? I MEAN THE ZONE IS FILLED WITH ALL SORTS OF CREEPY VILLAINS AFTER ALL!"

YOU'VE MADE YOUR POINT, HEDGEHOG! NO REASON TO GET SNIPPY!

THEY'VE KNOCKED THE OTHERS UNCONSCIOUS WHO IN THE WORLD ARE THEY?

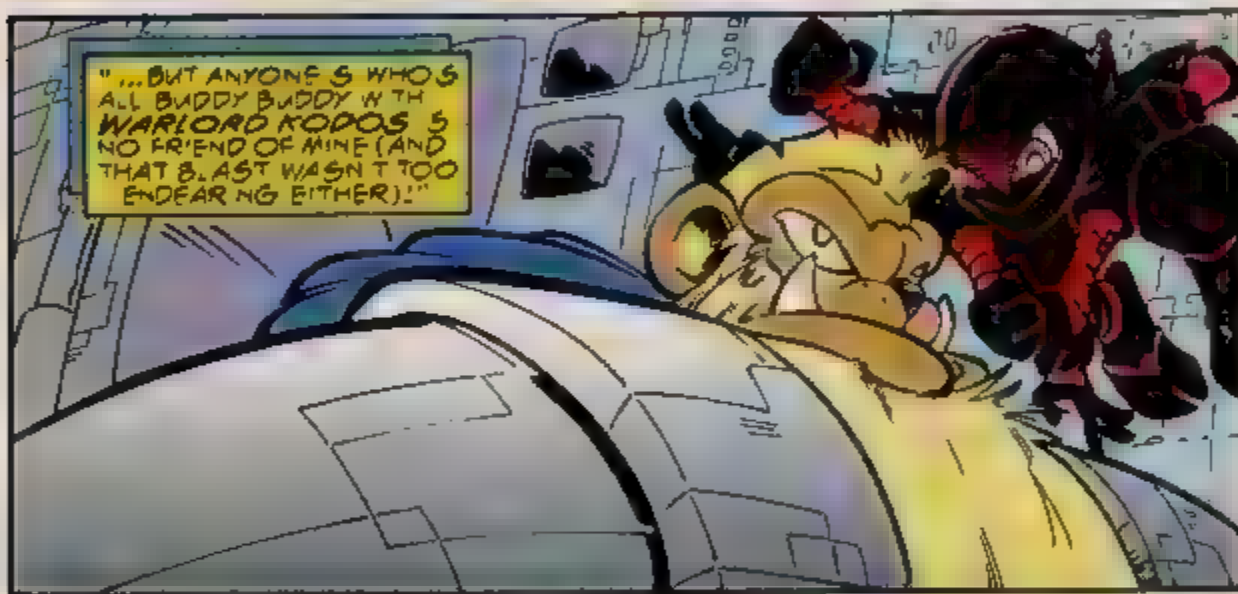
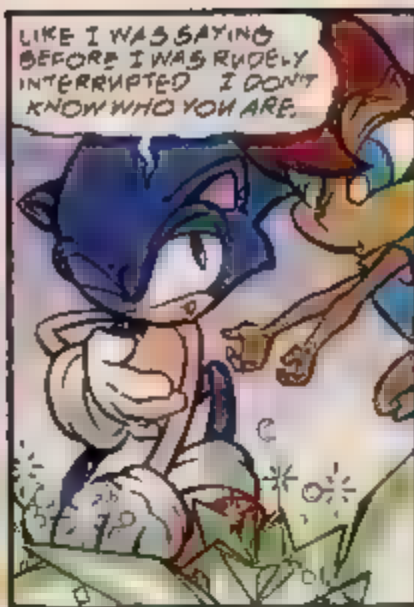
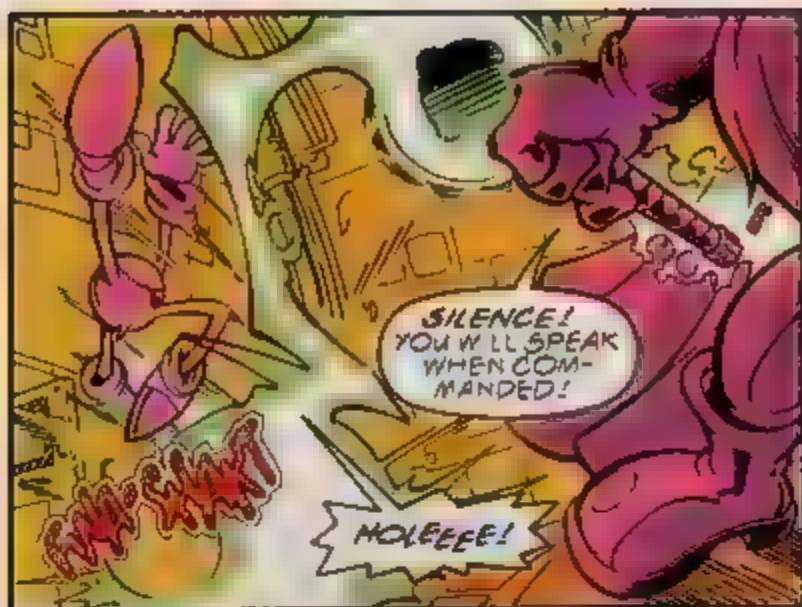


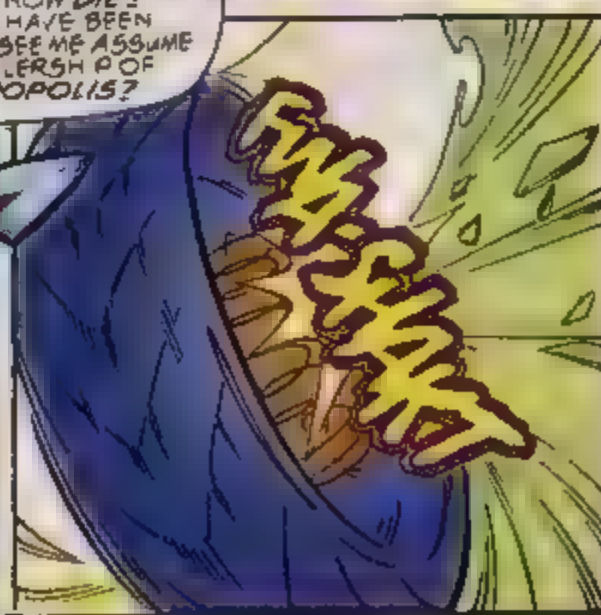
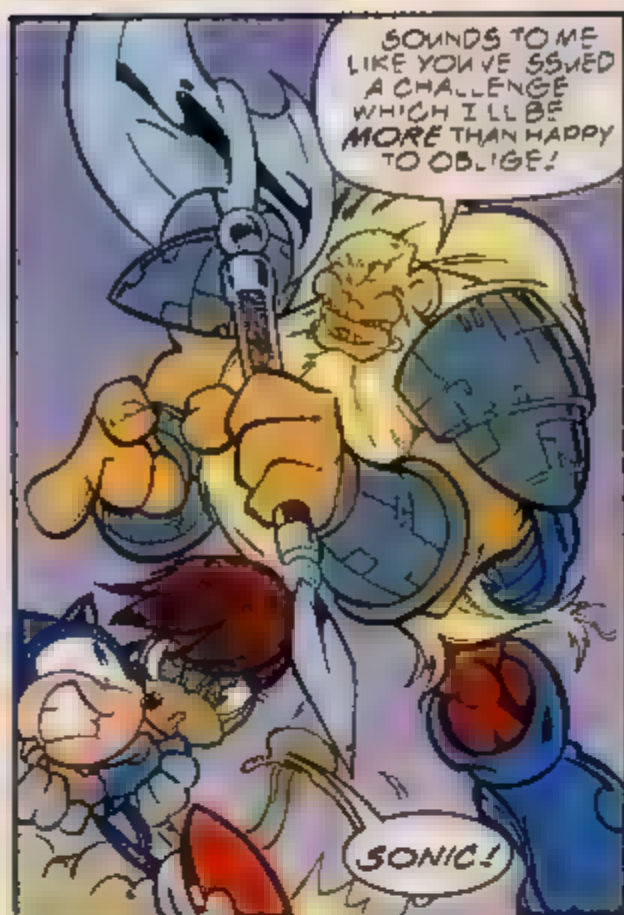
WHO IN THE WORLD NEED! YOU, MY DEAR ARE A LITTLE TALLER A BIT WISER... PRINCESS SALLY, ISN'T IT?

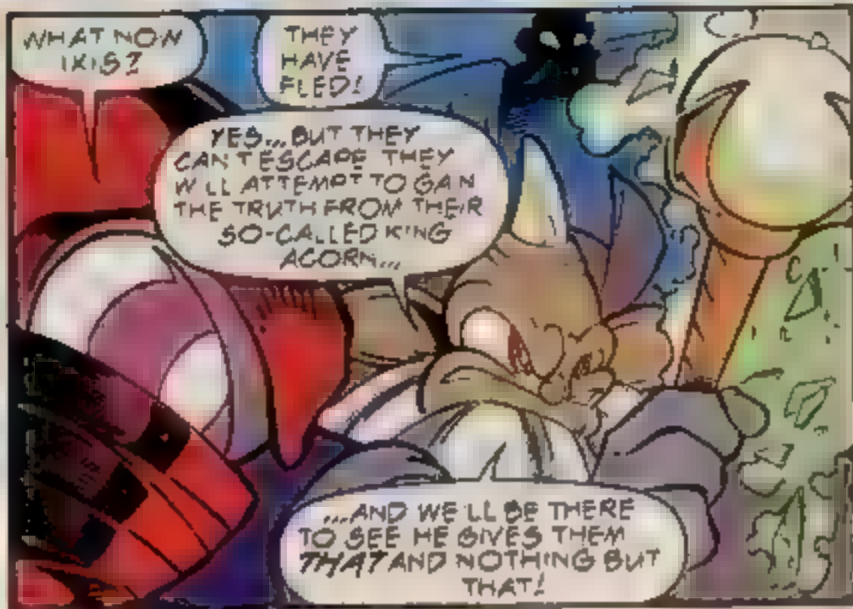
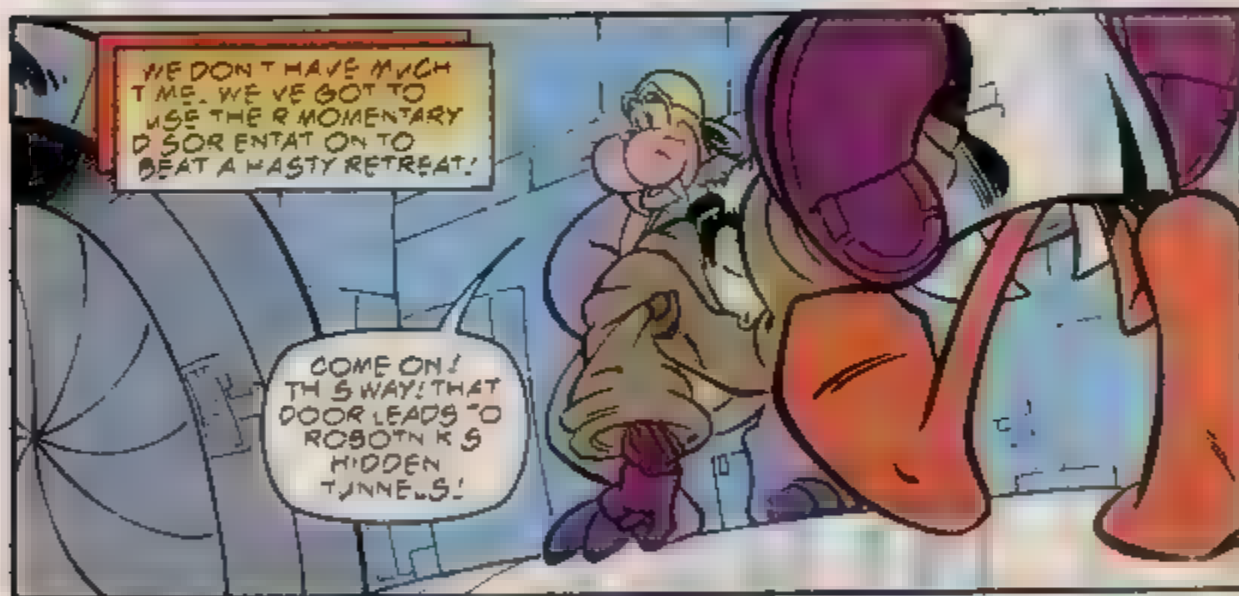
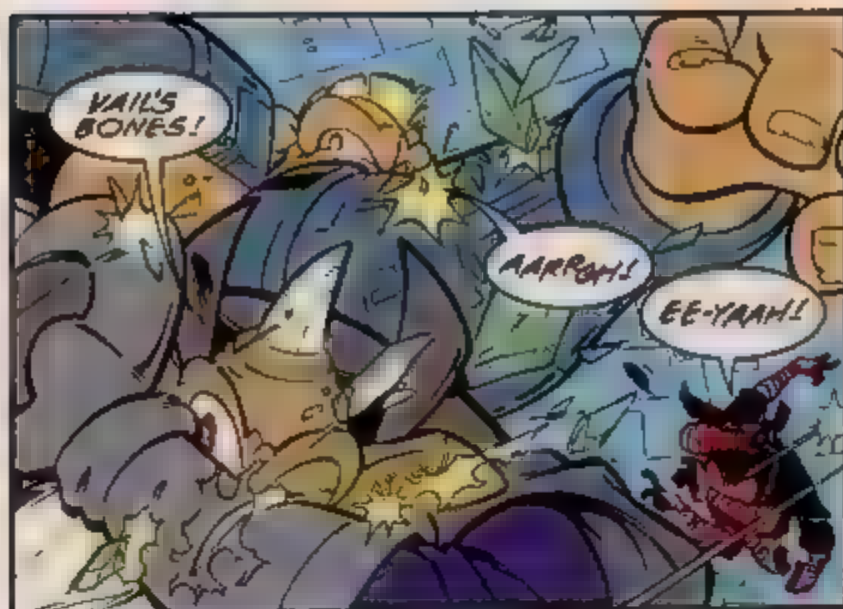
I'M SURPRISED YOU DO NOT REMEMBER -- IXIS NAGGUS, SORCEROR SAVANT!



I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, MR. IXIS WHO? US SORCERORS, WHAT? US OR WHAT? /ER YOUR NAME IS, BUT--







THE HEDGEHOG

IN SOUNDS OF SILENCE

CASTLE ACORN, FORMALLY ROBOTNIK'S HEADQUARTERS ..

...NO IDEA THAT LAUNCHING THE PROBE WOULD RELEASE THAT DEADLY TRIO!

THEIR LEADER, XIS NAUGUS, HAS A WAND THAT CAN TURN OBJECTS INTO CRYSTAL, FATHER HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?

AND WHY DIDN'T IXS, KODOS, AND UMA FALL PREY TO THE EFFECTS OF THE ZONE AS YOU DID WHEN EXPOSED TO MOBIUS ATMOSPHERE SIRE?

IXS NAUGUS... A NAME... I THOUGHT ...NEVER TO HEAR... AGAIN...

WELL, WE'RE GONNA HEAR IT A LOT MORE IF WE DON'T STOP HIM FROM DECLARING HIMSELF RIGHTFUL RULER OF MOBOTROPOLIS!

BUT, LAD, HE IS ...THE RIGHTFUL RULER OF... MOBOTROPOLIS!

HUH?!

I THINK OUR LIEGE IS
SUFFERING FROM A MOMENTARY
LAPSE OF REASON!

NO, DOCTOR...
I ASSURE YOU... MY
REASONING IS FAR
SOUNDER... THAN IT
HAS BEEN... FOR
SOME TIME...

DAD?

I'M FINE,
PRINCESS NEVER
THOUGHT THAT...
IT'S WOULD ESCAPE
... ZONE OF
SILENCE

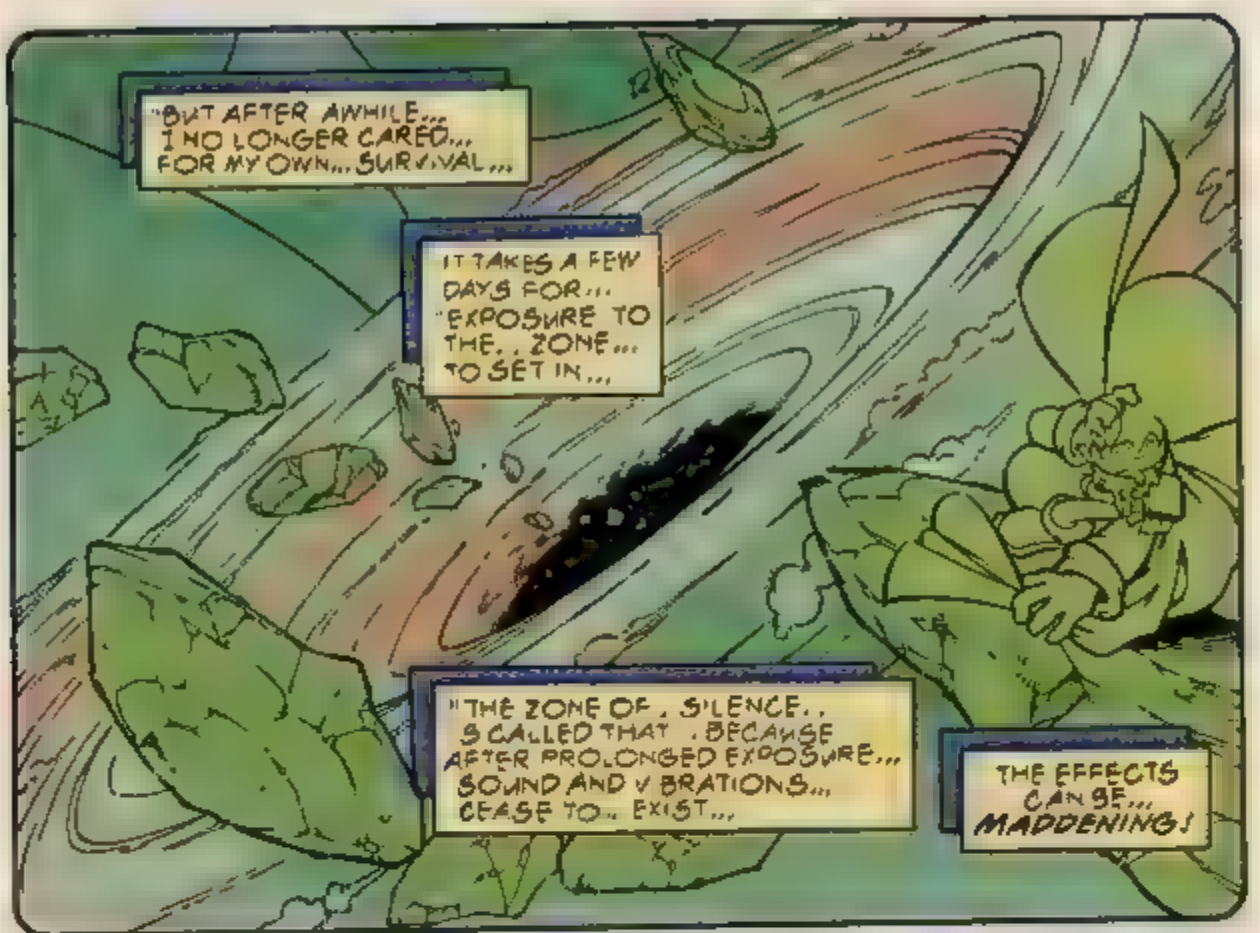
NEVER
THOUGHT I
WOULD EITHER
... FOR THAT
MATTER.

YOU ALL BELIEVED...
MY CRYSTALLIZATION... TO
BE A BY-PRODUCT OF...
PROLONGED EXPOSURE TO
ITS... HARSH ENVIRONMENT.

BUT THAT...
IS NOT
ENTIRELY
TRUE...

AFTER JULIAN...
BETRAYED MY TRUST...
... THE KINGDOM'S
TRUST...

I HAD... TO USE ALL
OF MY SKILLS TO...
SURVIVE IN WHAT
WAS... MY NEW... HOME...

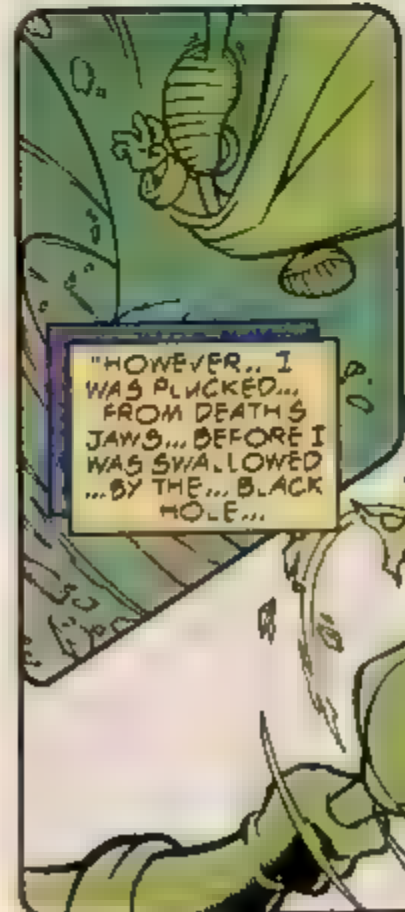


"BUT AFTER AWHILE...
I NO LONGER CARED...
FOR MY OWN... SURVIVAL..."

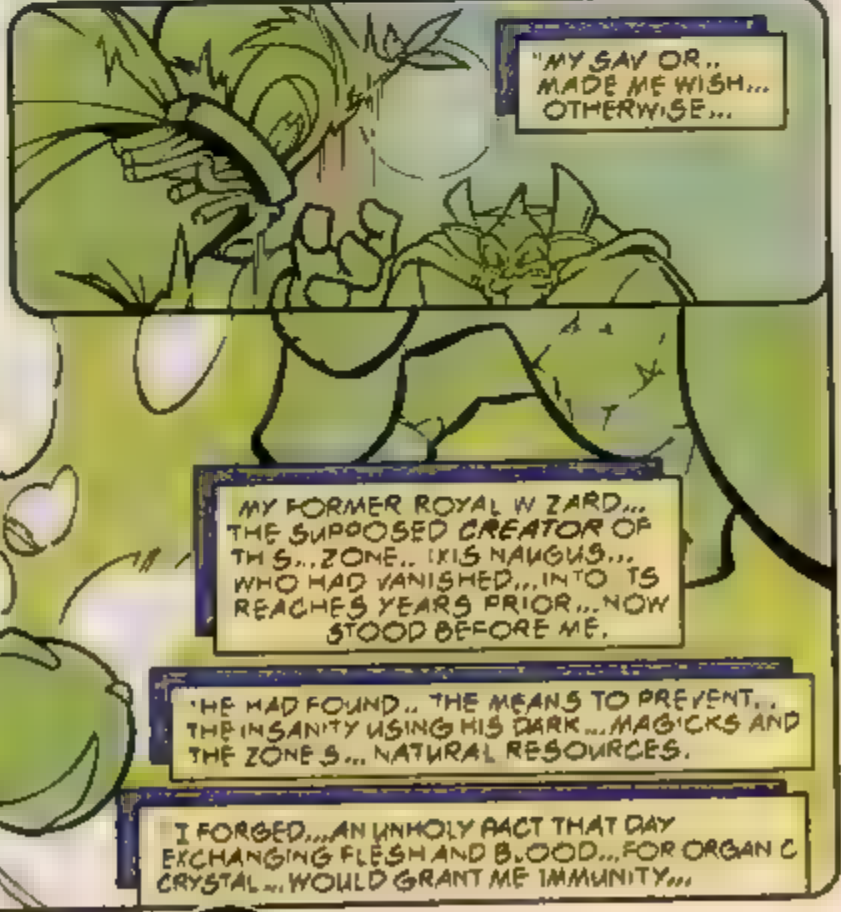
IT TAKES A FEW
DAYS FOR...
"EXPOSURE TO
THE... ZONE...
TO SET IN..."

"THE ZONE OF... SILENCE...
I CALLED THAT... BECAUSE
AFTER PROLONGED EXPOSURE...
SOUND AND VIBRATIONS...
CEASE TO... EXIST..."

THE EFFECTS
CAN BE...
MADDENING!



"HOWEVER... I
WAS PLUCKED...
FROM DEATH'S
JAWS... BEFORE I
WAS SWALLOWED
...BY THE... BLACK
HOLE..."



"MY SAVIOR...
MADE ME WISH...
OTHERWISE..."

MY FORMER ROYAL WIZARD...
THE SUPPOSED CREATOR OF
THIS... ZONE... (KIS NAUGUS...
WHO HAD VANISHED... INTO ITS
REACHES YEARS PRIOR... NOW
STOOD BEFORE ME.

"HE HAD FOUND... THE MEANS TO PREVENT...
THE INSANITY USING HIS DARK... MAGIC'S AND
THE ZONE'S... NATURAL RESOURCES.

I FORGED... AN UNHOLY PACT THAT DAY
EXCHANGING FLESH AND BLOOD... FOR ORGANIC
CRYSTAL... WOULD GRANT ME IMMUNITY...

"...BUT I WOULD HAVE TO... GIVE FEALTY
TO IXIS... FOR THE REST OF MY DAYS...
AS HIS KNIGHT..."

"...AS HAD... THE...
OTHERS... IN THE...
ZONE..."

"...WE ALL HAD THE
ABILITY... TO CHANGE...
FROM CRYSTAL TO FLESH...
AND BACK AGAIN..."

"...I LOST THAT
ABILITY... WHEN I
ESCAPED... THE
ZONE..."

DAD!

MY
LIEGE!

WE'LL BE ALRIGHT,
KIDS! HE JUST TAXED
HIS ENDURANCE IN
THE TELLING OF THAT
SORDID TALE!

UGH.

IF WHAT THE KING
SAID IS TRUE... IF HE
DID INDEED SWEAR
BLIND ALLEGIANCE TO
THE WIZARD...

YOU CAN'T
MEAN THAT IXIS
IS KING?!

PRINCESS?

MY FATHER IS IN NO
POSITION TO MAKE ANY
DECISIONS REGARDING
THE KINGDOM, THAT'S
WHY I WAS APPOINTED
ACTING RULER!

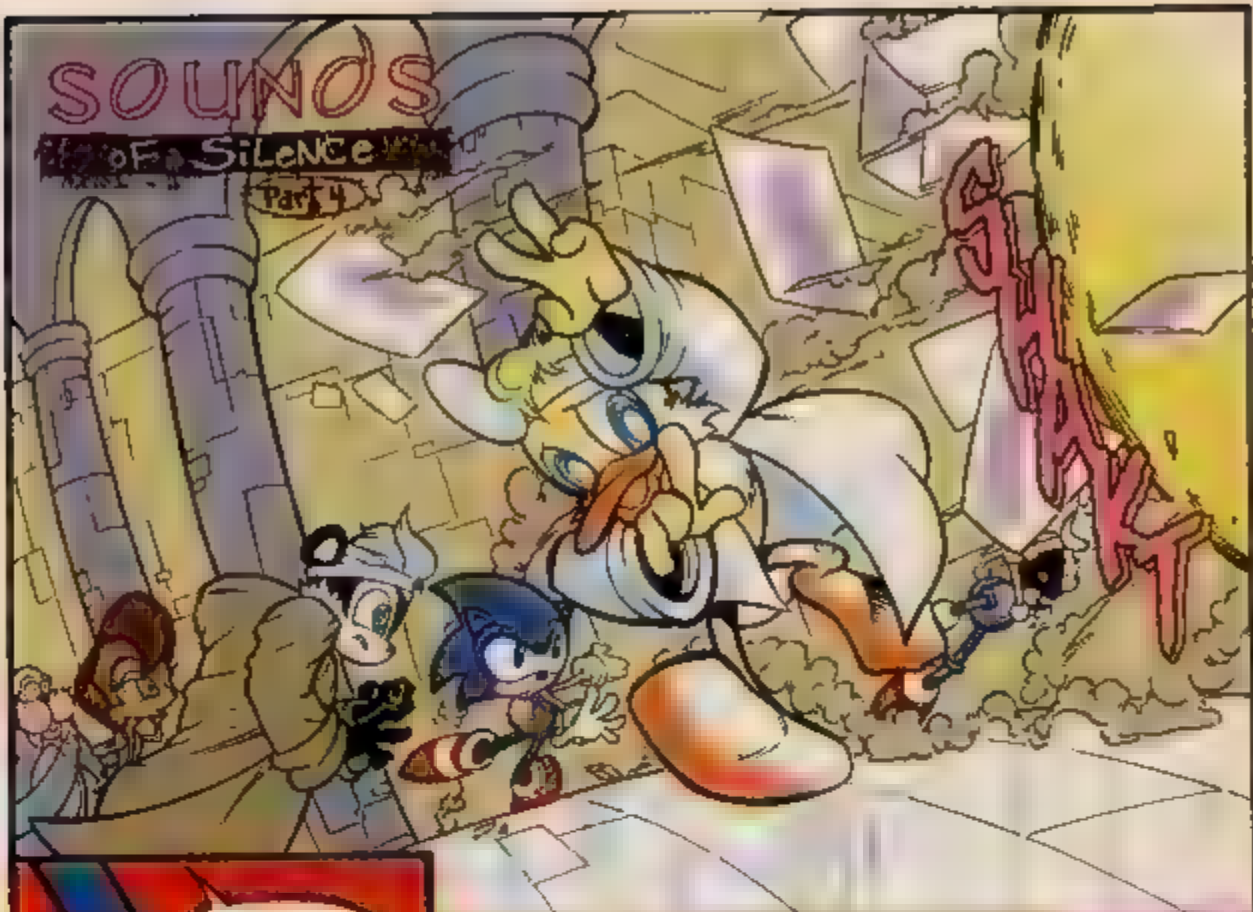
AND AS
SUCH, I SAY
THAT IXIS CAN,
WELL, GET
LOST!

HOO
RAY!

SOUNDS

OF SILENCE

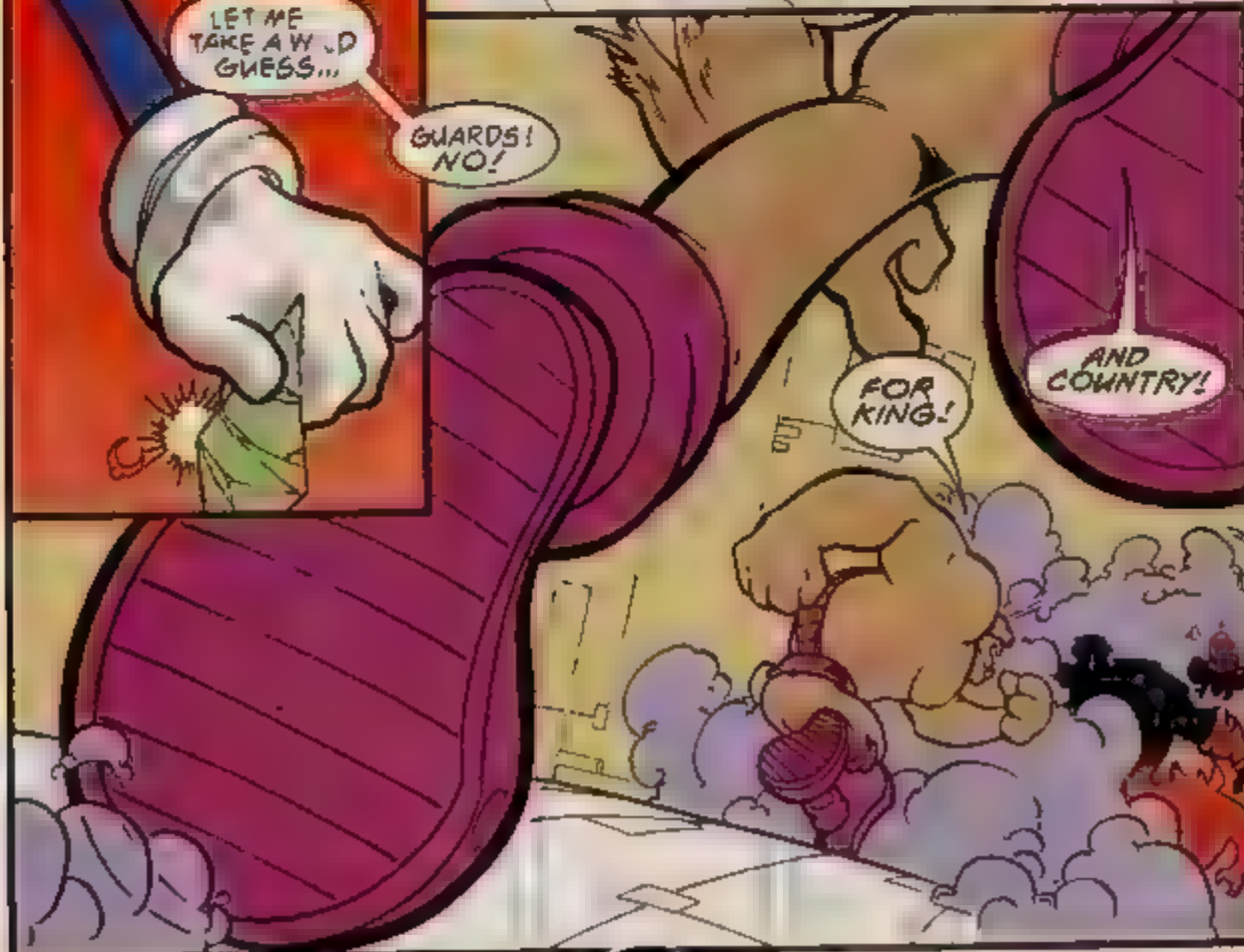
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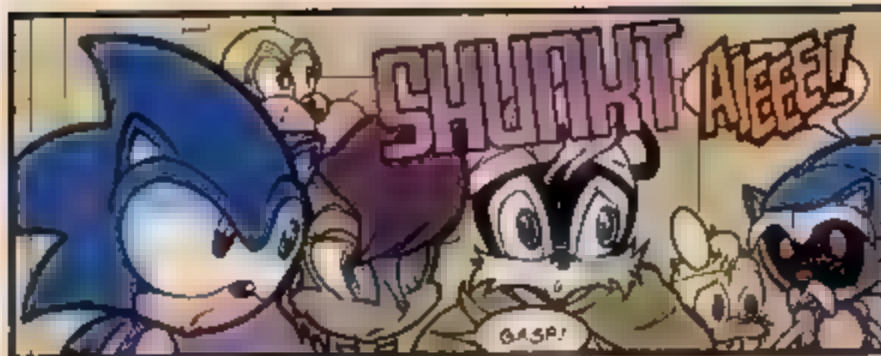


GUARDS!
NO!

FOR
KING!

AND
COUNTRY!

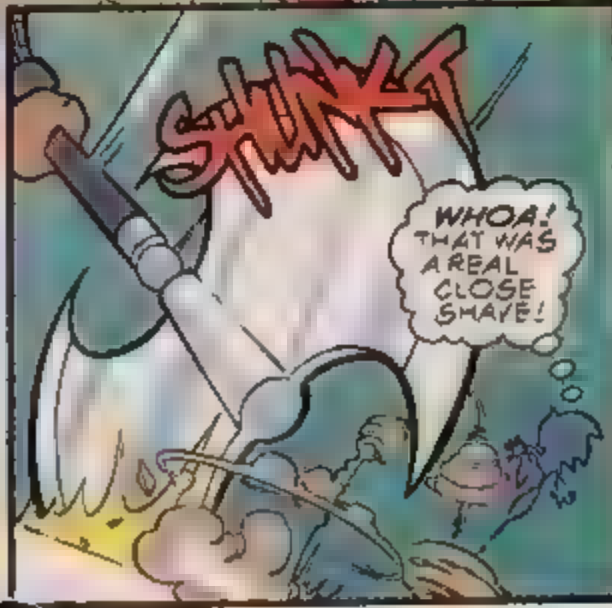
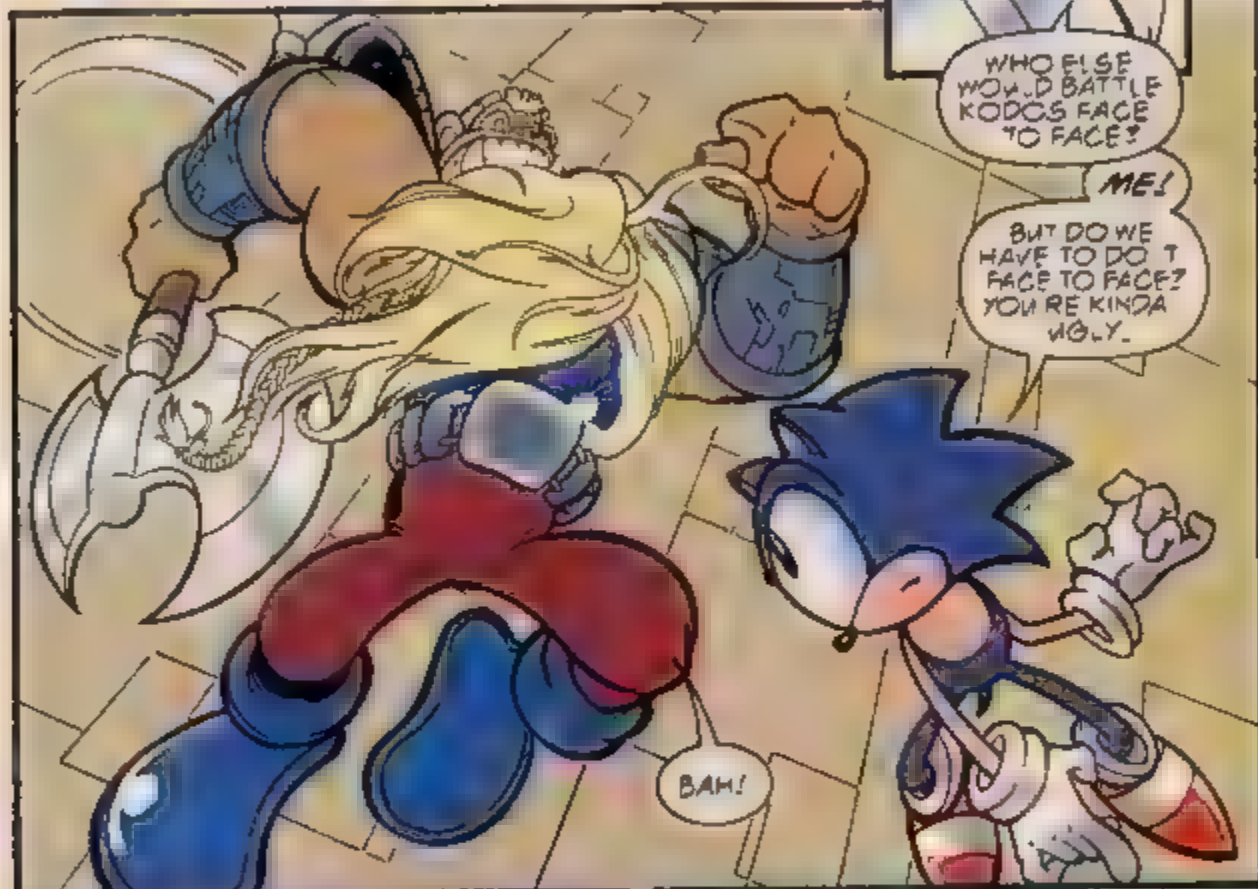


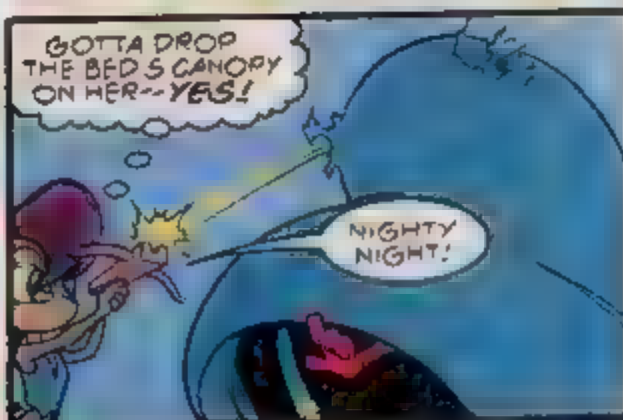
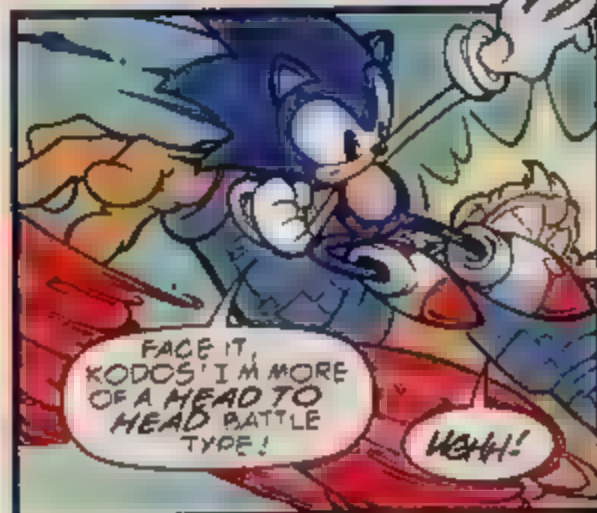
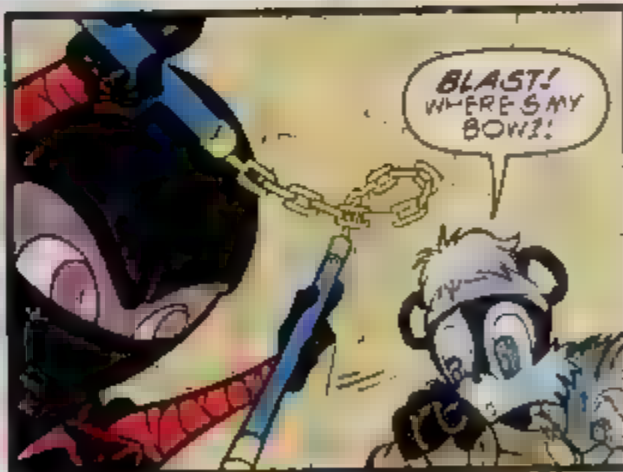
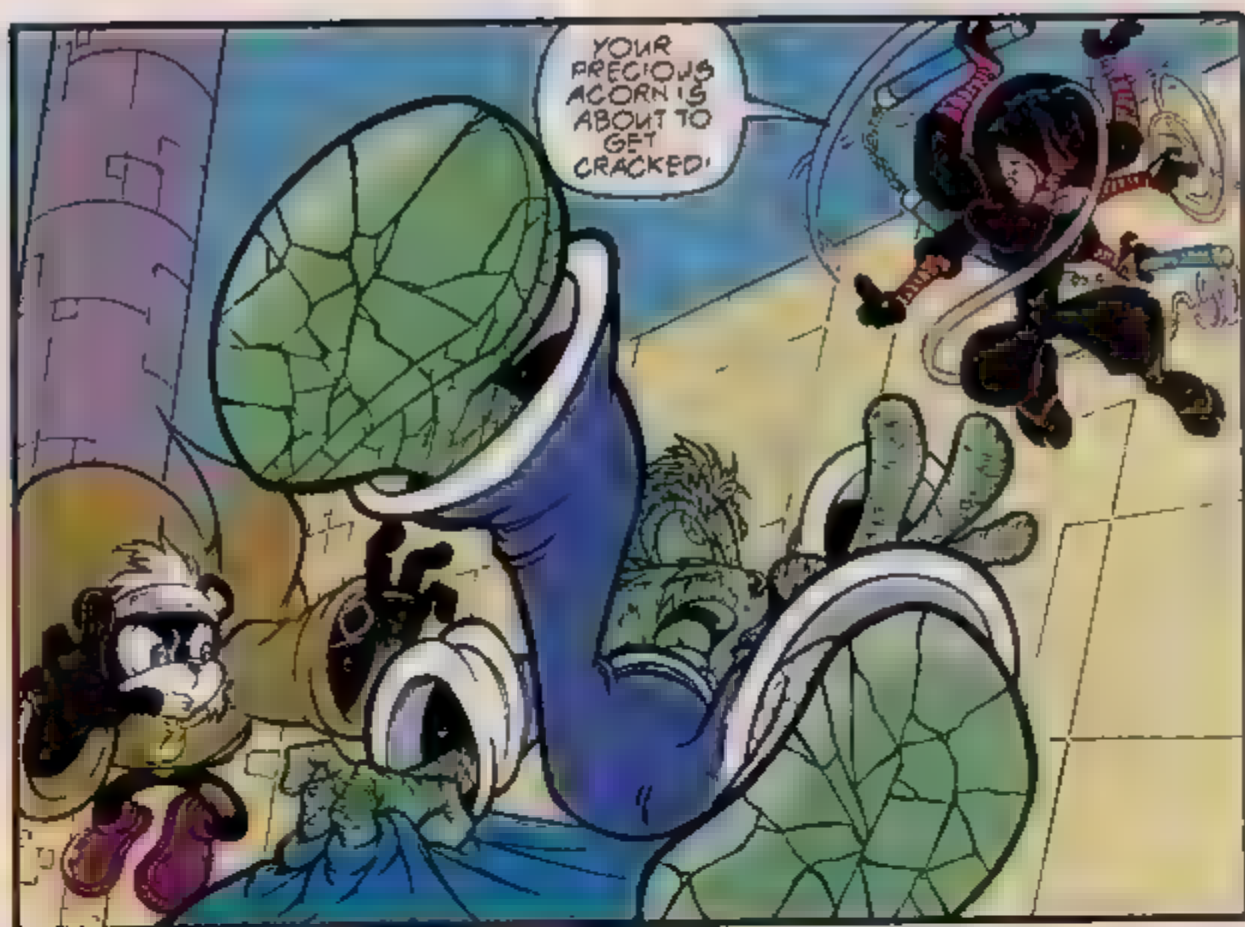


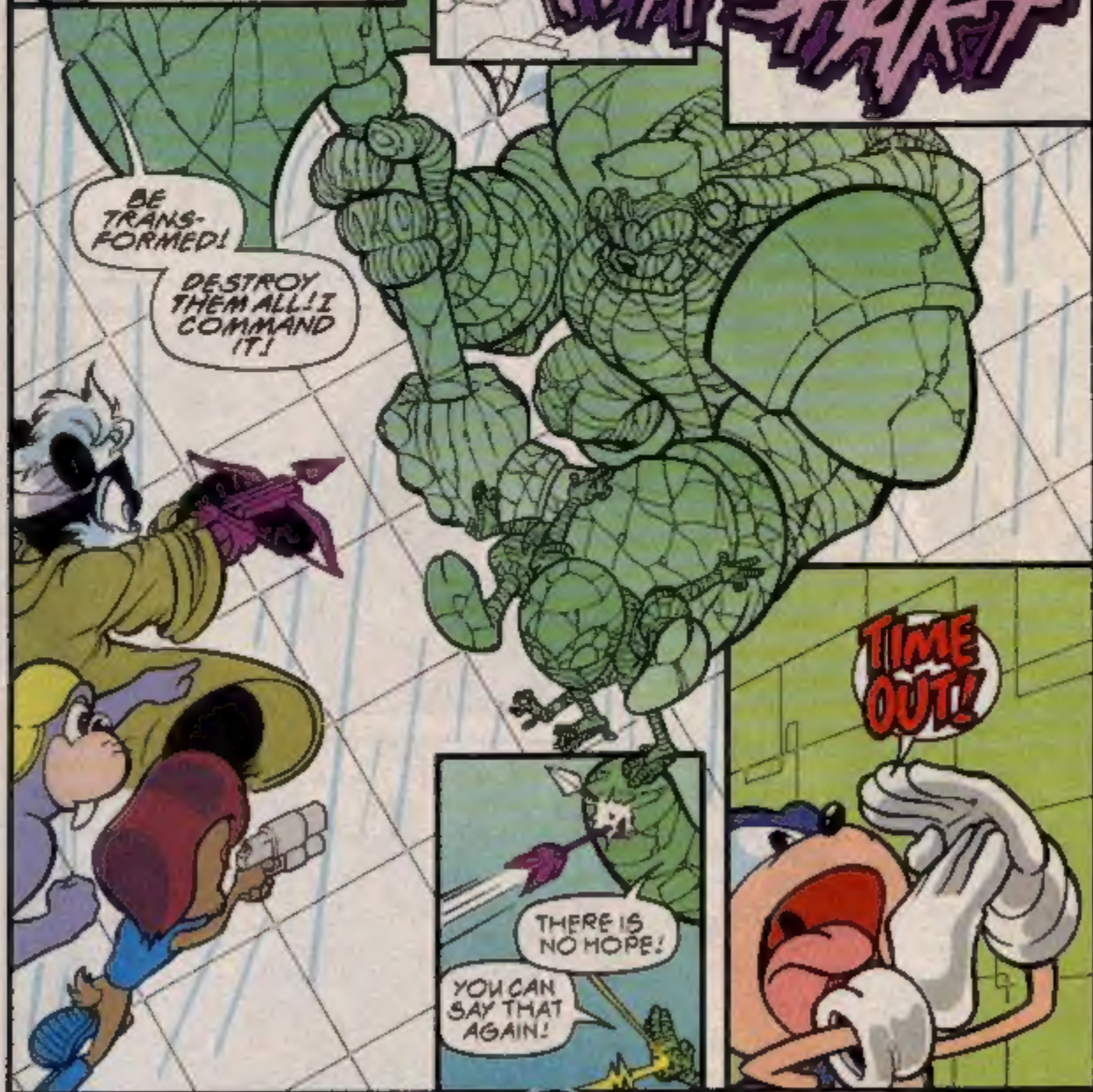
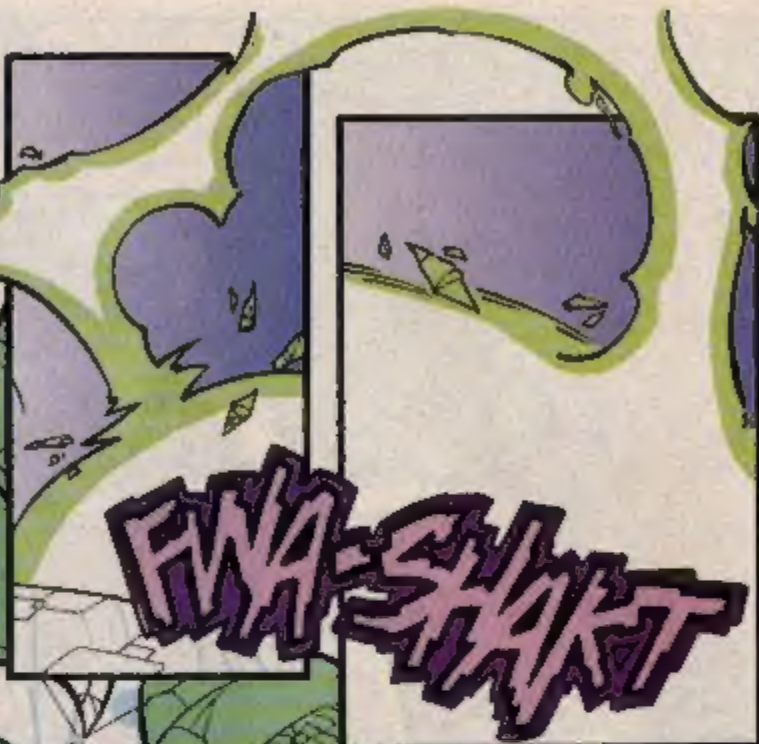
WHO ELSE
WOULD BATTLE
KODOS FACE
TO FACE?

ME!

BUT DO WE
HAVE TO DO IT
FACE TO FACE?
YOU'RE KINDA
UGLY.











LOOK!
WHAT
HAPPENED
TO THEM?

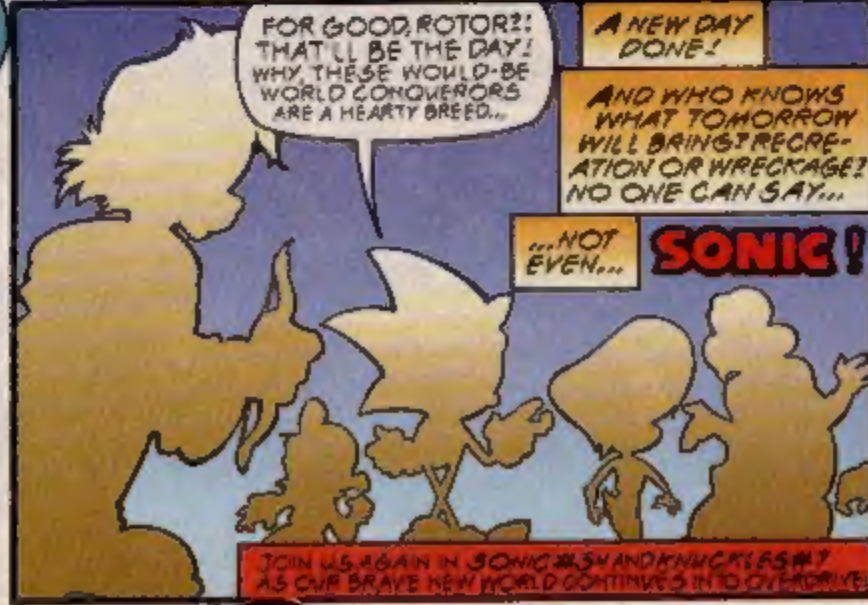


WITHOUT
IKI'S WAND
TO POWER
THEM, THEY'RE
LIKE PUPPETS
WITHOUT
STRINGS!



WHERE IS THAT
HORN-HEADED CREEP,
ANYWAY?

GONE!
YOU THINK HE'S
DESTROYED?



FOR GOOD, ROTOR?!
THAT'LL BE THE DAY!
WHY, THESE WOULD-BE
WORLD CONQUERORS
ARE A HEARTY BREED...

A NEW DAY
DONE!

AND WHO KNOWS
WHAT TOMORROW
WILL BRING? RECRE-
ATION OR WRECKAGE?
NO ONE CAN SAY...

...NOT
EVEN...

SONIC!

JOIN US AGAIN IN SONIC & SHANDY NUCKLES #7
AS OUR BRAVE NEW WORLD CONTINUES IN TO OVERDRIVE!

SONIC-GRAMS

J. Freddy Gabrie
Editor

THIS JUST IN!

A BLAST FROM THE PAST!

IN TWO WEEKS: YOU SAY YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOME HARD-TO-FIND SONIC ISSUES? WELL, LOOK NO FURTHER THAN THIS SPECIAL COLLECTION OF SONIC COMIC "FIRSTS" INCLUDED IN THIS SLICK VOLUME ARE: "DON'T CAT FOR ME, MODUS!", THE FIRST ARCHIE-PRODUCED SONIC COMIC STORY, ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED IN BOTH SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #0 AND THE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #1/4 ASKAM! "RABBIT DEPLOYMENT": THE FIRST COMIC BOOK APPEARANCE OF BUNNIE RABBIT FROM SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #3! "LIZARD OF ODD": THE FIRST TIME IN COMICS THAT SONIC IS TRANSFORMED INTO SUPER SONIC, FROM SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #4! "THIS ISLAND HEDGEHOG": THE FIRST COMIC BOOK APPEARANCE OF KNUCKLES, ORIGINALLY PRESENTED IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #13! GET 'SONIC THE HEDGEHOG-FIRSTS' OR JUST FIND THE COUPON IN THIS BOOK TO ORDER BY MAIL!

AND IN THREE WEEKS: KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #7 HITS THE STANDS SPORTING A NEW LETTERS PAGE NAME WITH THE NAME OF THE PERSON WHO 'THUNK' IT UP! IT ALSO MAKES THE RETURN OF EVERYBODY'S FAVORITE ECHIDNA VILLAIN... ENERJAK. AND IF YOU THOUGHT KNUCKLES ALREADY HAD IT TOUGH, THE DARK LEGION WILL MAKE IT TOUGHER! BROUGHT TO YOU BY KEN PENDERS, MANNY GALAN AND ANDREW PEPOY. THE "DARK VENGEANCE" STORYLINE WILL BE PERSONIFIED BY OUR TRADITIONAL TRIPLE-COMBO COVERS BY FAN-FAVE PAT SPAZIANTE, ALONG WITH PENCIL ASSIST BY MANNY GALAN, INKS BY KEN PENDERS AND COLORS BY HEROIC AGE.

ON SALE OCTOBER 1997!

NEXT MONTH IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #54: IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE "ENDGAME" SAGA AND SUBSEQUENT "BRAVE NEW WORLD" SPECIAL, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS TRY TO RESOLVE THEIR FEELINGS AND THEN PLACE IN THE NEW MOBOTROPOLIS, ESPECIALLY SONIC! LEADING THE CHARGE IS PRINCESS SALLY, VALIANTLY ATTEMPTING TO RESTRUCTURE THE KINGDOM. SNIVELY, LURKING IN THE SHADOWS OF THE DEVIL'S GULAG, PLANS HIS FIRST MOVE AGAINST OUR HEROES. JUST WHAT DOES HE DO? CHECK IT OUT! THIS TALE IS WRITTEN BY KARL DOLLERS WITH ART BY NELSON ORTEGA AND JOHN NEBEAT. INKING THEM IS THE MAN THEY CALL HARVO! ON SALE OCTOBER 1997!

CATCH YOU ON THE FLIP SIDE!



SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG #54
ON SALE OCTOBER 1997!



KNUCKLES
THE ECHIDNA #7
ON SALE OCTOBER 1997!

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